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Dear Mr. Snow:

We are submitting, for your consideration, several recommendations for the CALFED Program. Our suggestions are based upon reviewing CALFED documents and attending the CALFED meeting in Fresno on April 22, 1998. We have had many years of experience with the integrated management of agricultural water, salt, selenium, and other natural resources on farms.

Realistic solutions for enhanced water supplies need to be developed to accommodate the future efficient use of water by all stakeholders. This is especially critical if we are to maintain our ability to produce food and bio-resources, enhance our environment, and supply water to over forty million people who will live in California by the year 2030. The CALFED program may develop an excellent approach to achieving an economically and environmentally viable and sustainable future.

Our suggestions for the CALFED program are to acknowledge the limits of past technology and resource philosophy, and to incorporate today's knowledge as well as recognized trends in developing realistic plans compatible with our future resource and environmental needs. We recognize the critical need to solve Deltas problems, see no viable alternative to the CALFED process, recognize the substantial progress that CALFED has made, and offer our continued support. We hope that our suggestions will assist CALFED in finding an acceptable solution to the state water problems.

Sincerely,

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